

Senate Resolution 846

By: Senators James of the 35th, Seay of the 34th, Fort of the 39th, Jones of the 10th, Buckner of the 44th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Honorable Kasim Reed upon his election as mayor of the City of Atlanta; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Honorable Kasim Reed recently took the oath of office to serve as mayor of the
4 City of Atlanta, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, he has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that
6 he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens
7 of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, educated in the Fulton County Public School System, Mayor Reed earned
9 bachelor's and law degrees from Howard University and was a partner at Holland and Knight
10 law firm prior to taking the oath of office; and

11 WHEREAS, while attending Howard University, Mayor Reed created a fundraising program,
12 Independence Initiative, which has contributed more than \$10 million to the university's
13 endowment since its inception; and

14 WHEREAS, Mayor Reed first began his service to the public in 1998 when he was elected
15 to the Georgia General Assembly as a Representative for District 52; and

16 WHEREAS, he served two terms with the House of Representatives and was a member of
17 the House Judiciary Committee, Education Committee, and Legislative and Congressional
18 Reapportionment Committee; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2003, Mayor Reed joined the Senate to represent District 35, where he served
20 as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Special Judiciary Committee, Urban Affairs
21 Committee, Higher Education Committee, Ethics Committee, Transportation Committee, and
22 the State and Local Government Operations Committee; and

23 WHEREAS, his leadership and commitment to his community have been recognized by the
24 *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Ebony*, and *Black*
25 *Enterprise*; and

26 WHEREAS, Mayor Reed's foresight, vision, and leadership skills have earned him the
27 respect of his colleagues and associates, and his commitment to making the City of Atlanta
28 the best city in this nation is worthy of recognition.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 commend Honorable Kasim Reed on his many contributions to the City of Atlanta, Fulton
31 County, and the State of Georgia and extend to him congratulations on his new position as
32 mayor.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Honorable Kasim Reed.